



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-18, 1600 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-18 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- Social media accounts in Niagara have shifted their focus from planning protests at the Peace Bridge to the ongoing events in Ottawa; no information has surfaced to indicate that the protest at the Peace Bridge has been cancelled.
- The City of Windsor believes there is still a real possibility that more protesting could resume in Windsor following the events in Ottawa.
- The City of Windsor was granted an indefinite injunction under the Municipal Act.
- There is the possibility of a "slow roll" protest happening in Sarnia this weekend.

NIAGARA REGION

Niagara social media accounts that previously discussed protesting at the Peace Bridge on 2022-02-19 have now shifted their focus to the ongoing events in Ottawa. ⁱ A member of the Facebook group "Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022", **Personal Info.** is in Ottawa and has been sharing videos of the current events with the group. **Personal** is a Councillor for the City of Thorold. ⁱⁱ

Peace Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

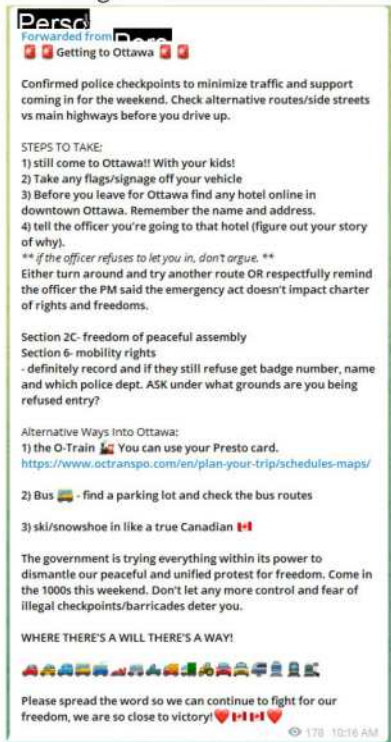
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CORNWALL

No posts of concern regarding this location.

WINDSOR

s.37 [REDACTED] groups concerning Windsor have posted instructions (Figure 1) and information for people travelling to Ottawa this weekend.ⁱⁱⁱ



s.37 [REDACTED]

The City of Windsor is pursuing a more permanent injunction in order to prevent further issues with disrupting travel routes between Windsor and Detroit.^{iv} The injunction has been extended under Section 440 of the Municipal Act and it does not expire.^v

Personal Info. [REDACTED], a noted Windsor protestor who has made his way to Ottawa, is still in Ottawa and has not yet been arrested by police.^{vi} He encourages his followers to travel to Ottawa to aid in the protesting. As noted in briefing 2022-02-17, 1600 hours (CIP-2022-6063-IB), **Perso** has continued to post videos of the events in Ottawa (Figure 2, following page).



Figure 2 Windsor Protestor now in Ottawa

SARNIA

Recent discussion in the "Border Block Sarnia Chat" on s.37 has suggested trying once again to slow roll and protest around the bridges.^{vii} No other posts of note.

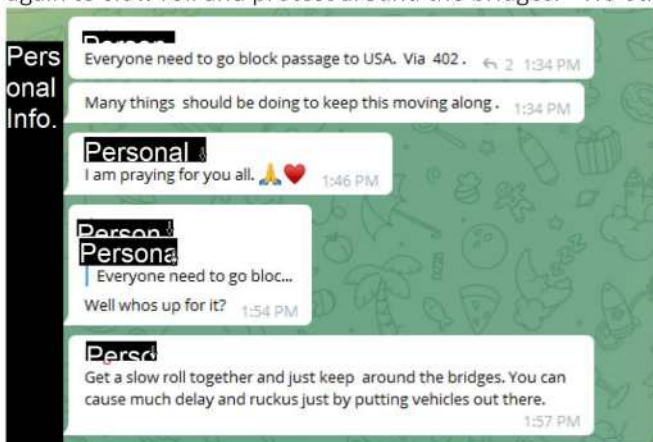


Figure 3 s.37

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

As expected, it would appear that the majority of online social media discussions are focused on Ottawa at this time; however, we are cognizant that significant law enforcement actions occurring in Ottawa at this time may have a polarizing effect on supporters elsewhere. Robust live query support is continuing in order to anticipate any shift of activities to the POEs.

Displacement from the Ottawa actions might impact GTA businesses starting tonight (Figure 4)^{viii}. POJ's asked to communicate direction of protestors once they have departed as they may impact POEs.



Figure 4 Facebook user facebook.com/groups/503145611330249/user/100070720717411/

LIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

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